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For: PRODUCING NICKEL-BASE, COBALT-BASE, IRON-BASE, IRON-NICKEL-BASE,

OR IRON-NICKEL-COBALT-BASE ALLOY ARTICLES BY REDUCTION OF

NONMETALLIC PRECURSOR COMPOUNDS AND MELTING

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Sir:

This Paper is filed in response to an Office Action mailed September 24, 2008 in the above-captioned application (the "Application"). Amendments to the claims begin on page 2; remarks begin on page 6. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.